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SUBJ: OBLIGATION OF FUNDS

1. DUE TO A FAULTY GUARDETTE TO THE COMPRESSOR IN THE NEW GE FREEZER, VERY LOW FLUCTUATING VOLTAGE AND LACK OF TRAINED ELECTRICIANS IN GAMBIA, POST HAS BEEN UNABLE TO REPAIR GE FREEZER. AN AMERICAN IN TOWN TO INSTALL NEW FREEZING EQUIPMENT FOR GAMBIA FISHERIES FROM THE FREEZING CORP OF AMERICA LOOKED AT THE GE FREEZER AND SAID THAT DUE TO THE LAST BUNGLING JOB OF TRYING TO BYPASS THE FAULTY GUARDETTE, THE ENTIRE COMPRESSOR NOW HAS TO BE OEPLACED.

2. THIS FREEZER WAS FOR USE IN THE NEW SECRETARY'S HOUSE. THE SECRETARY ORDERED DOLS 350 WORTH OF FROZEN FOOD FROM DENMARK A MONTH AGO WHICH IS ARRIVING IN BANJUL O/A 8/29. THE FREEZERS OF THE OTHER THREE AMERICANS AT POST CANNOT ACCOMMODATE THE FOOD ORDER BECAUSE THEIR FREEZERS ARE NOW PARTIALLY FULL AND THEY ALSO HAVE ORDERED FOOD FROM DENMARK.

3. IT IS ESSENTIAL, THEREFORE, FOR THE POST TO BUY A FREEZER LOCALLY OR IN DAKAR AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY DOLS 900.

4. PLEASE OBLIGATE FUNDS.

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